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CUBAN DELEGATE TO FAO COUNCIL, DIAZ-ABASCAL, NEAR CLOSE OF OCTOBER 23 PLENARY SESSION CONCERNED WITH FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN, INVEIGHED AGAINST "CONSTANT ATTACKS FROM THE NORTH. . . AND NOW A SO-CALLED ECONOMIC BLOCKADE TO REDUCE A PEOPLE BY HUNGER" AND THEN PRESENTED FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD "IN DUE TIME PRESENT TO ITS APPROPRIATE BODY" (PERHAPS TO PLENARY FRIDAY).

"WHEREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREAMBLE OF CONSTITUTION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS THESE PURPOSES ARE 'RAISING LEVELS OF NUTRITION AND STANDARDS OF LIVING OF PEOPLES UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS'; 'SECURING IMPROVEMENTS IN EFFICIENCY OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS' AND 'BETTERING CONDITION OF RURAL POPULATIONS'.

"WHEREAS ANY ATTEMPT ON PART OF ONE OR MORE STATES TO DEPRIVE ANOTHER OR OTHER STATES OF FOOD BY ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND BY INTERRUPTING FREE FUNCTIONING OF TRADE AND OF TRANSPORT IS CONTRARY TO AND VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS.

"IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO CONDEMN AS CONTRARY TO PRINCIPLES OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS THE POLICY OF ONE OR MORE STATES TO DEPRIVE ANOTHER OR OTHER STATES OF FOOD BY ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND BY INTERRUPTING THE FREE FUNCTIONING OF TRADE AND TRANSPORT."

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COUNCIL MOVED ON WITH ITS AGENDA, IGNORING THIS SURPRISE ACTION AND MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED AGAIN. IF AND WHEN IT IS, U DELEGATION WILL REQUEST CHAIRMAN TO RULE CUBAN OUT OF ORDER, POINTING OUT TRANSPARENT PROPAGANDA PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION, OBVIOUS INACCURACIES AS APPLIED TO QUARANTINE OF CUBA WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FOOD, AND FACT THAT THREATS TO PEACE ARE PROPERLY CONCERN OF SECURITY COUNCIL, NOT FAO WHERE IT IS MOREOVER UNRELATED TO ANY MATTER ON COUNCIL AGENDA.

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